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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. K. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

***Re: Application of Ardmore Communications, LLC for Certificate to Provide Resell Services, Docket No. 00-00254.***

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Responses to the Data Requests issued to Ardmore Telephone, Inc. on December 6, 2000. As you may be aware, the original mailing of these requests was never received by Ardmore. Instead, they were faxed to me by Mr. Mundy on January 2, 2001. Pursuant to agreement with Mr. Mundy, the Responses to the Data Requests are due today.

Please let me know if I can provide any further assistance in this matter.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



R. Dale Grimes

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Enclosures  
cc: Mr. Terry Wales

**Ardmore Communications, LLC**  
**TRA Docket No. 00-00254**  
**Response to December 6, 2000 Data Request**

1. Why is Ardmore Telephone Company establishing a separate entity to provide telecommunication toll services in Ardmore's territory?

Ardmore Telephone Company ("ATC") was originally under the impression that a separate entity was required. ATC, however, has not established a separate entity to provide telecommunications toll services. Ardmore Communications, LLC, is not owned by ATC, nor does ATC own any of the LLC interests of Ardmore Communications, LLC. Certain of the shareholders of ATC are owners of unit interests of Ardmore Communications, LLC. As a separate entity, Ardmore Communications, LLC, has applied to the FCC and the Alabama Public Service Commission for authority to provide long distance service, and that authority has been granted.

2. What are the advantages to Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. of establishing a separate entity for the telecommunications toll services? What would be the disadvantages of establishing a separate entity for the telecommunications toll services?

ATC was originally under the impression that a separate entity was required, although as stated in answer to Question 1 ATC has not established a separate entity for this purpose. ATC is not certain there are any particular advantages or disadvantages to having a separate entity to provide telecommunications toll services.

3. Is Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. prohibited by state or federal statute from offering long distance telecommunications services?

No Tennessee state or federal statute prohibits ATC from offering long distance telecommunications services in Tennessee. However, ATC does not seek a CCN to provide such services. Rather, Ardmore Communications, LLC, has applied to provide long distance telecommunications services. No state or federal statute prohibits Ardmore Communications, LLC from offering long distance telecommunications services.

4. Will the granting of a CCN to Ardmore Communications result in the lifting of Ardmore Telephone Company's exemption from competition under TCA 65-5-201(d)? If so, does Ardmore wish to proceed with this certificate?

The granting of a CCN for Ardmore Communications, LLC, would not result in the lifting of the exemption of ATC under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-201(d) because the granting of a CCN to Ardmore Communications, LLC would not cause ATC to reach or exceed 100,000 access lines, nor would it cause ATC to enter into an interconnection agreement with a competitor. In addition, ATC has not requested a CCN for the provision of telecommunications services outside its service area, as such existed on June 5, 1995. Even if the granting of a CCN to Ardmore Communications would result in the lifting of ATC's exemption, however, Ardmore Communications, LLC wishes to proceed with the certification process.